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Carmichael Lauds Cuban Communism

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HAVANA, Aug. 1—Stokely Carmichael, the American Negro militant most closely identified with the Black Power movement, today showered abuse on the United States and praised communism as it is practiced here in Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Carmichael avoided responding directly to questions as to whether he considers himself a Communist. Asked whether Black Power can be equated to communism, he answered:

"Communism can be many things—Russian, Czech, Yugoslav, Cuban. The system we like best is the Cuban."

Of the U.S. Communist Party, he said: "There are no proletarians in the U.S. Communist Party. It is the party of the rich."

His comments at a marathon four-hour press conference

were the principal side attraction at today's session of the Latin American Solidarity Organization meeting. In terms of delegate and press interest, they almost overshadowed the conference's working sessions themselves.

Carmichael is here as a guest of the Cuban government, and conference members yesterday elected him an honorary delegate by acclamation.

At Carmichael's insistence, all representatives of U.S. news media were barred from his press conference today. However, what he said was learned later from tape recordings and notes by Latin and European newsmen who attended the conference.

In his comments, the 25-year-old former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinat-

ing Committee expressed his satisfaction at the wave of rioting and racial unrest sweeping U.S. cities. Among his random remarks were these:

"Forty per cent of the troops in Vietnam are Negro, and some good may come of it because when they come back they will be trained to kill in the streets."

"... Green Berets, now in Latin America protecting military governments, may have to go back to the U.S. to protect their mothers, fathers and families."

He was quoted by Havana radio as saying American Negroes "will have enough arms of all kinds to continue the fight for their liberation," the Associated Press reported. A later broadcast quoted him, "We have to fight in the United States in order to change

the structure of that capitalist society."

"... guerrilla warfare is the best training for fighting in the cities because they (the whites) will not dare bomb their own cities."

The American Negro's battle, he said, must be fought on two fronts: "The fight against racism and the fight against capitalism. Racism is a result of capitalism."

[Carmichael envisaged the possible assassination of President Johnson and British Prime Minister Wilson as acts of vengeance for the murder of Negro leaders, Communist sources said, according to Reuters.

[Carmichael also included Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara as possible targets of assassins at his press conference.

[The Communist sources

also said Carmichael, asked whether he himself might be assassinated, replied that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had an international license to kill.]

Carmichael said his three greatest heroes were assassinated black nationalist leader Malcolm X, guerrilla warfare expert Ernesto (Che) Guevaraz and Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung. He charged that Malcolm X was killed by CIA-paid Cuban refugees and said he believes Che Guevara's slogan, "You must teach them to hate so you can turn them into an effective fighting machine."

Other random Carmichael comments included these:

On reports that the State Department might lift his passport for traveling to Cuba without U.S. Government permission: "Since I was 15 years old I've not asked anyone's permission to go anywhere at

any time for any reason. So I say to hell with the State Department."

On Negro intellectuals: "There are none as far as I am concerned because they only write about what they do not know and feel. What I consider an intellectual is someone like Fidel Castro. To him there is no art and there is no politics in it."

On integration: "There can be no integration until people are the same. Therefore integration does not exist in the United States."